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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Richard G. Woodbury et al. Art Unit: 1633  
Application No.: 10/671,995 Examiner: Maria Marvich  
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Title: RECOMBINANT FUSION PROTEINS WITH HIGH AFFINITY BINDING  
TO GOLD AND APPLICATIONS THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

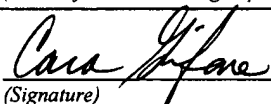
Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits for the above captioned application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
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